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SUBJ: TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS: KAMRAN INAN VISITING THE
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SENATOR KAMRAN INAN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE AND CURRENTLY A RIVAL OF SULEYMAN DEMIREL'S FOR
THE LEADERSHIP OF THE JUSTICE PARTY, IS GOING TO THE UNITED
STATES ON MAY 3. HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR A FEW DAYS WHERE
HE WILL ADDRESS THE AMERICAN-TURKISH ASSOCIATION AND COUNCIL
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. HE THEN WILL GO TO HARVARD WHERE HE IS
PARTICIPATING IN A SEMINAR ON EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT ASKED HIM, IT IS POSSIBLE INAN WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN COMING TO WASHINGTON. QUESTION: IF HE WERE
INTERESTED IN COMING, WOULD NIMETZ OR SOMEONE LIKE THAT BE
INTERESTED IN HAVING HIM TO LUNCH? ALSO, IS THERE ANY WAY
HE COULD BE USEFUL IN CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS? HE IS
INTELLIGENT, URBANE AND ARTICULATE BUT DESK OFFICERS MAY
RECALL THAT HIS BLUNT STYLE CAN SOMETIMES JAR PEOPLE AND THERE
IS DANGER THAT HE WOULD COME THROUGH AS HARD-LINE ON GREECE.
WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN THE NEXT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS
OR SO AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS YOU HAVE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. FYI: INAN MADE SPEECH AT NOON TODAY IN WHICH
HE SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT EFFORTS TO LIFT EMBARGO HAD ONLY
FORTY PERCENT OF SUCCEEDING BECAUSE OF POWER OF GREEK LOBBY.
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IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION HE SAID THAT EVEN IF EMBARGO CONTINUED,
TURKEY HAD NO ALTERNATIVE TO WESTERN ORIENTATION ALTHOUGH HER
RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES WOULD BE BADLY DAMAGED.
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